

Durham Parks and Recreation

Frequently Asked Questions for Aquatics

Can we wear t-shirts in the pool? Must I wear a bathing suit?

All patrons must wear proper swimming attire in the pool. There are additional exceptions for the outdoor pools which are: males can wear athletic shorts with a functional drawstring and boxers/briefs underneath and females can wear athletic shorts with a functional drawstring and panties underneath. Females can also wear a t-shirt with a sports bra underneath.

Do we provide towels/lockers?

We do not provide towels. All of the pools have lockers available for patrons use. Patrons are encouraged to bring a lock to secure their belongings.

Can we use flotation devices?

Approved floatation devices (lifejackets) are allowed but not inflatable devices or toys. Parents must remain with children in flotation devices and they are not allowed in the deep end. Forest Hills pool is shallow. There are a limited number of lifejackets available for patron use at each pool.

Can we use mask, fins and snorkels?

During recreational swim, only goggles, which cover just the eyes, are allowed. Masks, fins, and snorkels are allowed during lap swim times.

Can we bring noodles, kickboards and other toys?

During recreational swim noodles, kickboard and other swim and exercise aides are not permitted. Toys such as squirt guns, balls and other items that endanger the safety or enjoyment of other swimmers are not permitted.

Do I have to get into the water with my child?

If your child is five years old or younger, and/or is less than 4 ½ feet tall then an adult, 18 years or older, must be in the water with them. Children six-nine years old who are more than 4 ½ feet tall can swim on their own but an adult must be present in the pool area with them.

I don't swim but I would like to come to the pool to exercise. Do I have to come during recreational swim?

If you would like to exercise on your own you can come during any of the lap swim times. Recreational swim is unstructured time for children and families.

For more information call Campus Hills Pool at 919-560-4444 or Edison Johnson Aquatics Center at 919-560-4265.

